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Dora Ah Sue, with Lt. Governor Ipulasi Sunia, signing an agreement on rules and regulations of the American Samoa Internship Program at a press conference and brief presentation at the Office of the Governor announcing her selection as the Territory's 2007 intern to serve in Senator Daniel K. Inouye's office in Washington, D.C.

## Dora Ah Sue selected as intern to U.S. Senator Inouye in Washington

(UTULEI) - In 1981, United States Senator Daniel K. Inouye (D-Hawaii), bestowed the matai title Fofogaosamoa, initiated the American Samoa Internship Program, a unique opportunity for Samoan young people to continue their education in the workplace, using the knowledge they have gained from their Congressional experience in their service to the people of American Samoa.

Since the program's inception, up until the year 2000, there have been seventeen interns who have served in Senator Inouye's Hawaii and Washington offices. After being idle for a few years, Governor Togiola renegotiated the internship program with the Hawaii Senator, who has graciously reopened the internship program. For the past year Governor Togiola has recruited earnestly and he is proud to announce Dora Jane Ah Sue as the nineteenth intern from American Samoa.

Today, in a brief presentation at the Office of the Governor, Acting Governor Ipulasi Sunia, on behalf of Governor Togiola, said he is delighted to have selected

the 25 year-old teacher from Samoana High School because of her academic credentials in the field of Political Science, her teaching experience in US History, and the dedication she has displayed towards the student of Samoana High School.

"I am very happy for Dora's selection because the internship with Senator Inouye allows students to observe politics firsthand and then reflect upon differences between theory and practice," said Acting Governor Ipulasi.. "Dora will have the opportunity to see politics shape public policy, and how decisions made in Washington affect many aspects across the nation. I am sure Dora's experience will help her to understand how politics will affect her career as a future leader of the Territory."

**DORA'S BIO:** Single. Daughter of Otomalesau John Ah Sue and Talouau Fiaui Ah Sue of Auto. Two brothers and two sisters. Employed as a teacher at Samoana High School since 2002. A graduate of the American Samoa Community College, she continued her education at the University of Hawaii at Hilo where she earned her Bachelor of Arts in Political Science. She received her teacher certification through the University of Hawaii Outreach Program in 2004. Ms. Ah Sue was named to the National Dean's List for the school year 1999-2000, and was listed in the "Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges" in 2000. She was a member of the Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) International Honor Society of the Two Year College, and served as PTK President while attending ASCC in 2000. Ms. Ah Sue also represented the University of Hawaii at Hilo at the Model United Nations Conference in New York in 2002.

"I thank the Lord for his continuous blessings upon me. I would also like to thank my family, especially my parents for their never-ending support. Thank you to the Honorable Governor Togiola T.A. Tulafono and also to Acting Governor Ipulasi Aitofele Sunia for giving me the opportunity to expand my understanding in government, so that I may one day better serve my people".

"My special thanks to the Honorable Senator Daniel K. Inouye for accepting the governor's nomination of me to serve at his office as an intern. Thank you for your commitment to this program, and I look forward to the challenges and the excitement of working in your office."

"I would like to acknowledge and thank honorable Senate president, Lolo M. Moliga, for the opportunity to work with the wonderful people of the Fono. A big fa'afetai to the staff of the Legislative Reference Bureau for the support and knowledge they have shared with me".

To my students – past and present, thank you for inspiring me to do greater things. You all are and forever will be my inspiration," said Dora.

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## HISTORICAL NOTES

By: Stan Sorensen, Historian, Office of the Governor

**On January 24, 1956**, Pan American World Airways began its inaugural service from San Francisco, California to Honolulu, Hawaii to Canton Island (in the Phoenix Islands) to Pago Pago, American Samoa to Nandi, Fiji to Auckland, New Zealand to Sydney, Australia.

**On January 25, 1910**, a special meeting was held to consider the incidence of hookworm in the Territory of American Samoa. The meeting was attended by "all the representatives of the various districts, counties and villages, Governor [Captain John F.] Parker, the Secretary of Native Affairs, the Captain of the Yard, Doctor [P.S.] Rossiter and the Chaplain." Dr. Rossiter (who later became Surgeon General of the Navy) "found that 82.5 per cent of 250 Samoan civilians examined, and a like percentage of members of the Fita Fita, were infested, which indicated that at least half of the population of Tutuila harbored the worm, and he concluded that a major public health crisis was at hand."

**On January 25, 1926**, the hurricane relief food given to American Samoa by the Navy Department (see entry for January 1, 1926) arrived in Pago Pago Harbor.

**On January 25, 1942**, Brigadier General Henry L. Larsen, Military Governor of American Samoa sent "Five Germans, one Japanese and [a] naturalized American, who was a Swede by birth" to the U.S. mainland for internment. These people had been in protective custody as potential enemy aliens. "Three Japanese and one German were kept in custody until 7 March, when they were released but kept under observation."

**On January 25, 1998**, in Super Bowl XXXIII, Denver Broncos' defensive tackle Ma'a Junior Tanuvasa became the ninth Samoan member of a Super Bowl team, and the tenth Samoan to play in a Super Bowl, as the Broncos defeated the Green Bay Packers, 31-24.

**On January 26, 1956**, the first official U.S. air mail was delivered to American Samoa.

**On January 26, 1946**, the second USS *Tutuila* (ARG-4) dropped anchor at Taku, China, continuing to serve as a maintenance vessel for ships engaged in the repatriation of Japanese prisoners of war.

**On January 26, 1962**, the Governor of American Samoa, Hyrum Rex Lee, appointed an Employment Policy Officer and an assistant "in conformity with the Non-Discriminatory Employment Policy Program established by Executive Order 10590 and the Equal Employment Opportunity Program directed by Executive Order 10925."

**On January 26, 1986**, in Super Bowl XX at the Louisiana Superdome in New Orleans, New England Patriots running back Mosiula "Mosi" Tatupu of Honolulu, Hawaii (No. 30; born April 26, 1955; attended the University of Southern California) became the third Samoan to play on a Super Bowl team, and the second Samoan to play in a Super Bowl. Final score: Chicago Bears 46, New England Patriots 10.

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**On January 27, 1945**, Captain Ralph Waldo Hungerford relieved Captain Allen Hobbs, and became American Samoa's 31<sup>st</sup> naval governor (until September 3, 1945).

**On January 28, 1905**, Governor Edmund Beardsley Underwood, responding to stories about political unrest in American Samoa, wrote that "It is doubtless unnecessary for me to state that such is not the case. Samoans live narrow lives, and one of their methods of getting up a little excitement is occasionally to stir up the politics of the island. It is quite understood by them and everybody else hereabouts that these doings are to be taken in [a] Pickwickian sense, and nobody is alarmed thereby."

## More Historical Notes:

**On January 28, 1990**, in Super Bowl XXIV at the Louisiana Superdome, San Francisco 49ers center Jesse Sapolu of Honolulu, Hawaii (No. 61; born March 10, 1961; attended the University of Hawaii) made his second Super Bowl appearance, thus becoming the first Samoan to play in two Super Bowls, and the only Samoan to play in two consecutive Super Bowls. Final score: San Francisco 49ers 55, Denver Broncos 10.

**On January 28, 1996**, in Super Bowl XXX, the Dallas Cowboys defeated the Pittsburgh Steelers, 27-17, at Sun Devil Stadium in Tempe, Arizona. The Cowboys' starting offensive tackle was Mark Tuinei of Honolulu, Hawaii (No. 71; born March 31, 1960; attended the University of Hawaii), who made his third Super Bowl appearance, thus becoming the second Samoan to play in three Super Bowls. Pittsburgh Steelers' nose tackle Jack Palelei, Jr. became the seventh Samoan member of a Super Bowl team, and the sixth Samoan to play in a Super Bowl.

**On January 29, 1914**, American Samoa's Governor, Commander Clark Daniel Stearns, enacted "Regulation No. 4-1914: Safety of Passengers on Vessels Coming into or Departing from American Samoa," and "Regulation No. 5-1914: Government Surveys."

**On January 29, 1960**, Greg Louganis, part-Samoan future Olympic diving champion, first male double Gold Medalist in back-to-back Olympic games (1984 and 1988) and member of the Olympic Hall of Fame, was born in San Diego, California.

**On January 29, 1966**, a hurricane, which had originated northeast of Samoa and had changed direction several times, began moving west across the Samoan islands, causing widespread destruction until the end of January. Western Samoa's weather station at Cape Mulinu'u reported gusts up to 94 miles per hour, while American Samoa reported gusts exceeding 110 mph. 800 people were left homeless in American Samoa; 5 deaths were reported. In Western Samoa, over 50,000 lost their homes, and 11 were killed. The Cook, Tokelau and Wallis Islands were also damaged. (South Pacific hurricanes were not given names at that time).

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**On January 30, 1970**, the American Samoa Government's *News Bulletin* reported that "One item on display [in the Jean P. Haydon Museum] is the moon rocks brought back by the Apollo 11 astronauts and presented to the people of American Samoa by President Nixon."

## ASG RADIO PROGRAM

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## American Samoa Government & American Samoa 2000, Inc. (dba McDonald's American Samoa) Lease Cancellation

Governor Togiola Tulafono and Representative Agaoleatu Charlie Tautolo, CEO of McDonald's American Samoa have agreed to a mutual cancellation of the current Utulei Beach property lease between the American Samoa Government and the American Samoa 2000, Inc.

Both parties considered the cancellation of said lease was in the best interest of both parties and will allow the government to resolve issues involving the United States National Parks Service.

The American Samoa Government and McDonald's American Samoa remain committed to the sustainable economic development of the territory and will continue dialogue on mutually beneficial projects at an appropriate time in the future

### ***At the Governor's Office.***

- Governor Togiola, on January 24<sup>th</sup>, appointed former Speaker of the House of Representatives, **Matagi Raymond Ma'ilo McMoore**, Executive Assistant to the Governor.
- In General Memorandum No. 017-2007, issued on January 29<sup>th</sup>, Governor Togiola placed **Fa'amausili Pola**, Disaster Assistance Coordinator/Director of the Territorial Emergency Management Coordinating Office (TEMCO), on excused absence for a period of two weeks, effective Friday, January 26, 2007. In this same General Memorandum, the Governor appointed former Representative, **Ropati Atimala Tagovailoa**, Acting Disaster Assistance Coordinator for TEMCO until further notice.

## ***DEVELOPMENT BANK OF AMERICAN SAMOA***

# **PUBLIC NOTICE**

### **NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY. EDRLF BUSINESS LOAN PROGRAM**

The Development Bank of American Samoa (DBAS) announces the availability of funding of approximately \$550,000.00 under the Economic Development Revolving Loan Fund (EDRLF) administered by the bank under the supervision of the Department of Commerce of the American Samoa Government for business loans. DBAS encourages new or existing businesses with sound business plans in the following sectors to apply for loan funding:

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| - Tourism                         | - Manufacturing                     |
| - Fisheries/Fish Processing       | - Information Technology Services   |
| - Health Care Services/E-Commerce | - Air Transportation/Trans-shipment |

The maximum amount of loan funded under this program is \$100,000.00 at an interest of 9.00% per annum for a maximum term of 7 years. The public is requested to contact Ms. Shirley Fruen at 633-4031 during business hours regarding application forms and more information about this program.

## ***FAASILASILAGA***

### **TUPE MO NONOGA TUPE MO PISINISI E ALA MAI POLOKALAMA FETURALE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REVOLVING LOAN FUND (EDRLF)**

Ua iai nei ile Faletupe o Atina'e o Amerika Samoa se vaega tupe e tusa ma le \$550,000.00 o loo avanoa mo pisinisi fou, poo pisinisi o 100 iai I le taimi nei ae o 100 lelei lona faagaoioiga I vaega uma faapisinisi I lalo o polokalama mai I le feturale ua faaigoaina o le Economic Development Revolving Loan Fund (EDRLF). O 100 ala mai lea vaega tupe I lalo o le Ofisa o Fefaatauaiga ole Malo o Amerika Samoa.

E avatu ai le fautuaga I pisinisi fou faapea fo'i pisinisi o 100 iai I le taimi lenei ae o 100 lelei lona faagaoioiga I vaega uma faapisinisi e tusa ai ma le lisi o I lalo ifo:

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| - Fagotaga / Gaosiga o I'a    | - Agavaa I Fesootaiga I Masini Kamipiuta       |
| - Fatuoiga I Soifua Maloloina | - O Meli e Ave pe Aumai I Vaalele poo Vaa oloa |

Ole maualuga o se nonoga tupe e mafai ona maua I lalo o lenei polokalama e \$100,00.00 ma lona pasene 9% mo le 7 tausaga.. Mo nisi faamatalaga auiliili o lenei polokalama, faamolemole faafesootai ia Shirley Fruen 633-4031.



## Dora Ah Sue *(continued from page 1)*

American Samoa Interns are part of Senator Inouye's legislative staff, providing input and information on the various issues that they handle.

While working in Honolulu and Washington, D.C., interns get an up-close and in-depth look at the legislative process, including the popular appropriations process whereby American Samoa receives its operational as well as capital improvement funding.

Over its twenty-three year history, the American Samoa Intern Program has seen 17 interns. The term for each intern is one year – typically, from January to January. One-year terms give interns the benefit of experiencing one full half of a legislative session of the U.S. Congress.

Until this year, the American Samoa Legislature was responsible for selecting the individual who would serve the program. Beginning January 2004, the Governor is responsible for selecting the individual. To discharge his new duty to this venerable program, the Governor has made applications, selection criteria and information about the program available online, for the convenience of applicants.

"I wish to thank Fofogaosamoa Senator Inouye for this generous gift that honors in every way his commitment to excellence in government within the nation and specifically our region – a direct investment in the future leaders of this great Territory," said Acting Governor Ipulasi. "This intern program is a breeding ground for American Samoa's most talented, energetic and eager minds. American Samoa is indebted to the kind Senator for this great honor."

Nikolao Pula, the current Director of the Office of Insular Affairs in the U.S. Department of Interior, was the very first intern in 1981. Past interns include: Lydia Faleafine-Nomura, Lancaster Allen, Christina Lutu, Josie Puletasi, Sina Solomona, Terry Letuli, Nathaniel Savali and Toetasi Tuiteleleapaga.

Governor Tog Iola has said in the past he would like to discuss with other Members of Congress about similar opportunities in their respective offices.

"If we can get other U.S. Senators and Representatives to embrace this internship program, it would mean more opportunities for our young people to experience first-hand the world of politics and a great lesson in government and leadership," said Governor Togiola.

Applications for the 2008 American Samoa Intern Program will be available in July 2007. Please email Mr. Toetasi Tuiteleleapaga, Governor's Legal Counsel, at [Toetasi@samoatelco.com](mailto:Toetasi@samoatelco.com)

## BOH Grant Enables Wheelchair Accessibility for ASCC AS-SBDC

*By James Kneubuhl, ASCC Press Officer*

In several months time, the American Samoa Small Business Development Center (AS-SBDC) at the American Samoa Community College (ASCC) will include a new reception area, an additional classroom/meeting area, and wheelchair accessibility, all thanks to a recent grant award of \$10,000 by the Bank of Hawaii (BOH) Charitable Foundation. Last week, BOH District Manager Brian Glass visited the AS-SBDC headquarters on the ASCC campus to present the award. "In addition to expanding our public areas, this award will enable us to make our facilities available to clients in wheelchairs, which will open up a whole new dimension of service for us," said AS-SBDC State Director Herbert Thweatt.

AS-SBDC currently occupies a building originally constructed by the Mormon Church more than 40 years ago, during the era when the structures now occupied by ASCC served as the Church's high school. Originally designed as a home, the AS-SBDC headquarters now includes office space for Thweatt and his team of counselors, as well as a large classroom which doubles as a computer lab available for use by the Center's clients and ASCC students. A previous grant award from BOH gave the Center a chance to make the first phase of improvements needed to make the building accessible to clients in wheelchairs, but a second phase of work remains necessary before these individuals have full access to the AS-SBDC headquarters. "During the first phase, we constructed wheelchair-accessible restroom facilities," said Thweatt. "Thanks to this contribution from the Bank of Hawaii, now we can work on making the entrance to the building and movement within it accessible as well."

Making their facility accessible to the handicapped will make it possible for AS-SBDC to participate in a proposed long-range project in collaboration with the Department of Social Services. As Thweatt explained, "Social Services has received federal funding to assist the underprivileged and the handicapped in starting their own small businesses. AS-SBDC will provide the training to these individuals, once they have full access to our building. Working in tandem with Social Services, we hope to help underprivileged and handicapped individuals launch their own businesses at a rate of ten per year, for three years." With work on the building scheduled to begin shortly, Thweatt hopes to have the necessary renovations completed within the next few months.

"With this exciting new project on the horizon, we thank Bank of Hawaii for their genuine concern for the welfare of our community," said Thweatt. "Their contribution will make it possible for individuals who previously had insurmountable odds against entering the business market to enjoy the same opportunities as everyone else." The Bank of Hawaii Charitable Foundation provides contributions to non-profit organizations with an emphasis on education, health care, community development, human services, and culture and the arts.

Individuals seeking advice or information on starting a small business can give the Center a call at 699-4830, or visit their web site at [www.as-sbdc.org](http://www.as-sbdc.org).